

**MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

Thursday , January 25, 2018 • 5:00 p.m. • 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson, Senate Chair  
Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Chair  
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Senate Vice Chair  
Rep. Mike Schultz, House Vice Chair  
Sen. J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
President Wayne L. Niederhauser  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Rep. Francis D. Gibson

Speaker Gregory H. Hughes

Rep. Brian S. King  
Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. John Knotwell

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Jonathan Ball, Director  
Mr. Steven M. Allred, Deputy Director  
Ms. Greta G. Rodebush, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1 . Call to Order/Approval of Minutes**

Chair Bradley G. Last called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson moved to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-15

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. G. Davis  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Rep. G. Hughes  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Rep. B. Last  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Sen. W. Niederhauser  
Sen. R. Okerlund  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. J. Knotwell

**2 . Federal Tax Reform's Impact on Utah Revenue**

Mr. John L. Valentine, Chairman, Utah State Tax Commission, presented the consensus state revenue estimate for federal tax reform and discussed the impact on the individual tax payer. He responded to questions regarding three possible tax scenarios that would generate additional state revenue, federal tax reform on business, and codification of itemized and standard deductions.

## [2-State Administrative Impacts of Federal Tax Reform](#)

Mr. Jonathan Ball, Director, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), made the comment that there is more estimating risk this year than there has been in past years. Chairman Valentine concurred.

### **3 . Performance Audit of the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation**

Mr. Darin Underwood, Deputy Auditor General, Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG), introduced the audit.

Mr. August Lehman, Audit Supervisor, OLAG, presented the audit findings and recommendations. Mr. Lane Farr, Staff Auditor, OLAG, provided assistance.

## [3-Link to A Performance Audit of the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation](#)

Mr. Underwood and Mr. Lehman responded to committee questions regarding the endowment to the Legacy Fund, capital improvement funding of Olympics assets, equipment efficiencies, and organizational structure.

Mr. Underwood discussed the importance of maintaining and operating Olympic assets for a future Olympic bid.

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell expressed his appreciation to the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation.

### **4 . Requests for Appropriation**

This agenda item was not heard.

### **5 . Agency Budget Reviews**

Mr. Steven Allred, Deputy Director, LFA, presented an overview of the budget information available on-line to help committee members research the base budget.

## [Link to Compendium of Budget Information \(COBI\) for EAC](#)

## [Linked NGVAL Base Budget Bill - 2018 G.S.](#)

Mr. Allred reviewed the budgets of each of the four agencies that the Executive Appropriations Committee oversees. He also discussed the Analyst's recommendations for committee action, which included proposed adjustments to the agencies' base budgets.

a. Capitol Preservation Board

[5a-Issue Brief - 2018 GS - Capitol Preservation Board Issues](#)

Ms. Allyson Gamble, Executive Director, Capitol Preservation Board, reported on the agency budget.

[5a-Capitol Preservation Board Activity Brief](#)

[5a-Presentation on Capitol Campus Lighting Efficiency Upgrades](#)

Sen. J. Stuart Adams commented on the efforts of the Capitol Preservation Board in preparing for the President's recent visit.

b. Utah National Guard

[5b-Issue Brief - 2018 GS - Utah National Guard Issues](#)

General Jefferson Burton, Utah National Guard (UNG), reported on the agency budget. He was joined by Mr. Michael Norton, Finance Director, UNG, and Colonel Tyler B. Smith, Legislative Liaison, UNG.

[5b-Utah National Guard Budget Brief](#)

c. Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs

[5c-Issue Brief - 2018 GS - Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs Issues](#)

Mr. Gary Harter, Executive Director, Utah Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs (UDVMA), reported on the agency budget and responded to questions. He was joined by Mr. Dennis McFall, Deputy Director, UDVMA.

[5c-Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs Budget Brief](#)

Sen. Jani Iwamoto expressed her appreciation to the UDVMA for their work with veterans.

d. Legislature

[5d-Issue Brief - 2018 GS - Legislative Budget Issues](#)

Sen. Stevenson referred to a list of base budget reductions.

[Executive Appropriations General Fund Base Budget Reductions](#)

**MOTION:** Sen. Stevenson moved to adopt all base budget reductions identified on the budget sheet entitled "Executive Appropriations General Fund Base Budget Reductions" and dated today January 25, 2018. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-16

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Rep. G. Hughes  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. B. King  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Rep. B. Last  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Sen. R. Okerlund  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. J. Knotwell  
Sen. W. Niederhauser

**6 . Other Business/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Sen. Stevenson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-16

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Rep. G. Hughes  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. B. King  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Rep. B. Last  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Sen. R. Okerlund

Nays-0

Absent-4

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Rep. Last adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.